

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE FYROM / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 28 June 1993
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2015); represented by H.E. Mr Agron Budjaku, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2015)
4. **The Director-General's visits to the country: 3**
  - 27-28 June 2014: visit on the occasion of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South-East Europe "Enhancing Culture for Sustainable Development"
  - 1-2 June 2013: visit on the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Summit Forum of the Heads of states of South-East Europe and the invitation of President Gjorge Ivanov.
  - 27-29 August 2011: visit on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Festival of Struga Poetry Evenings.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the country: 2**
  - 26-28 March 2008: official visit
  - 28-30 August 2003: Regional Forum on Dialogue among Civilizations in Ohrid
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Agron Budjaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 14 April 2011)
  - Staff: Mr Igor Popovski, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mrs Magdalena Mateska, Second Secretary
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Jon Ivanovski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to France, Permanent Delegate a.i. to UNESCO (April 2006 - August 2009)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is covered by the UNESCO Venice Office.
8. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1994
  - Chairperson: Mrs Elizabeta Kancheska-Milevska (since September 2008), Minister of Culture
  - Secretary-General: Mrs Lidija Topuzovska (since April 2001)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Boris Trajanov (baritone), UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 24 February 2005)
10. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
  - UNESCO Chair in Media, Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, launched in June 2011 at the School of Journalism and Public Relations, Skopje
  - UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Research (2014), The University St Cyril and Methodius, Skopje
11. **Associated Schools: 20** (12 primary and 8 secondary). The FYROM joined the ASP Network in 1997.

12. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
  - International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology (IZIIS) at the University St. Cyril and Methodius (2013)
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
  - Ohrid-Prespa Transboundary Reserve (2014, jointly with Albania)
15. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
  - Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region (1979) (mixed site)
16. **Tentative List:** 3 properties
  - Archaeo-astronomical Site Kokino (2009)
  - Cave Slatinski Izvor (2004)
  - Markovi Kuli (2004)
17. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2
  - Feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs in Štip (2013)
  - Kopachkata, a social dance from the village of Dramche, Pijanec (2014)
18. **Memory of the World Register:** no inscriptions
19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
20. **Legal instruments:** 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified
  - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (2006)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (22 May 2007)
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (9 October 2008)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated for 2014-2015:** 1
  - 1,200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Saint Methodius (815-885), creator, with his brother Cyril, of the first Slavic alphabet (Bulgaria, with the support of Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and the FYROM)
22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated for 2016-2017:**  
(Recommended to the 38<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Clement of Ohrid (830-916) (joint nomination by Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the support of Poland and the Russian Federation)
23. **Participation Programme:**
  - 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 115,500
  - 2012-2013: 3 projects approved so far for a total amount of US\$ 70,000
  - 2010-2011: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 97,000. Additionally, 1 emergency assistance request approved for US\$ 50,000 ('Emergency Assistance following a fire that burned down the Bigor's Monastery St. John the Baptist in September 2009'). Total amount approved: US\$ 147,000.
  - 2008-2009: 6 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 181,700
24. **Fellowships:**
  - 8 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 76,900.

- 8 fellowships awarded since 2007, for a total amount of US\$ 86,990

**25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2015: unpaid**

- Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.008%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 52,240
- Arrears as at 31.12.13 and instalments due under payment plans: US\$ 39,459
- Payment received US\$ 65,579 (7 July 2015)
- Total unpaid due as at date: US\$ 26,120

**26. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):**

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	522	-	2,087	-	861

**27. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented**

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 2, max. 4):